30. A method of identifying a modem, said method comprising:

placing a call by said modem to a remote device;

entering a physical handshaking process;

transmitting a modem manufacturer parameter by said modem to said remote device during said physical handshaking process; and

completing said physical handshaking process to establish a data communication session between said modem and said remote device.

- 31. The method of claim 30, wherein said modem manufacturer parameter is a DSP revision of said modem.
- 32. The method of claim 30, wherein said modem manufacturer parameter is a firmware revision of said modem.

The method of claim 30, wherein said modem manufacturer parameter is transmitted as part of V.8.

A method of identifying a modem, said modem being in communication with a host, said method comprising:

placing a call by said modem to a remote device;

completing a physical handshaking process to establish a data communication session between said modem and said remote device;

device, said error correction process having a primary channel, for exchanging data between said host and said remote device, and a secondary channel;

transmitting a modem manufacturer parameter by said modem to said remote device via said secondary channel.

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36. The method of claim 35, wherein said modem manufacturer parameter is a DSP revision of said modem.

The method of claim 33, wherein said modem manufacturer parameter is a firmware revision of said modem.

The method of claim-35, wherein said error correction process is based on V.42 Recommendation.

A method of authenticating an identification process for use by a modem in communication with a remote device, said method comprising:

receiving a random code by said modem from said remote device;

scrambling said random code, in accordance with a predetermined scrambling process, to generate a scrambled code; and

sending said scrambled code to said remote device to confirm compatibility.

The method of claim 39 further comprising: transmitting a modem manufacturer parameter by said modem to said remote device after said sending.

The method of claim 40, wherein said transmitting occurs during a physical handshaking process.

40. The method of claim 40, wherein said transmitting occurs after a physical handshaking process.

The method of claim 40, wherein said modern manufacturer parameter is a firmware revision of said modern.

The method of claim 40, wherein said modem manufacturer parameter is a DSP revision of said modem.

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A3. The method of claim 40, wherein said transmitting occurs during an error correction process based on V.42 Recommendation.

A modem capable of providing identification data, said modem comprising: a call module capable of placing a call to a remote device;

a handshaking module capable of entering a physical handshaking process with said remote device; and

a transmitter capable of transmitting a modem manufacturer parameter to said remote device during said physical handshaking process;

wherein, after said transmitter transmits said modem manufacturer parameter to said remote device, said handshaking module completes said physical handshaking process to establish a data communication session between with said remote device.

The modem of claim 44, wherein said modem manufacturer parameter is a DSP revision of said modem.

The modem of claim 44, wherein said modem manufacturer parameter is a firmware revision of said modem.

The modem of claim 44, wherein said modem manufacturer parameter is transmitted as part of V.8.